

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 235

By Dean

A RESOLUTION to recognize Tommy Eason on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Eason is one such estimable person who will be taking a much deserved retirement after serving with acumen and alacrity as a television cameraman for more than fifty-two years; and

WHEREAS, fascinated by television and news in high school, Mr. Eason began his illustrious career in 1957 by helping out at Chattanooga's second television station, WRGP-TV Channel 3; and

WHEREAS, he worked closely with several of the leading newsmen in Chattanooga, eventually following anchorman Mort Lloyd to Channel 12 in 1971; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Mr. Eason rejoined Channel 3, where he operated the television camera for another twenty-nine years with exceptional expertise; and

WHEREAS, he has covered many of the major news events in Chattanooga over the years, including the trial of famous labor leader Jimmy Hoffa in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eason turned his high school interest in television and news into a career of outstanding public service; he is admired for his skills and professionalism with a television camera in covering news stories in the Chattanooga area; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jan Eason, and their daughter, Jill Eason; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Tommy Eason has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, superiors, and a grateful public as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Tommy Edwards upon more than fifty-two years of exemplary service behind a television camera, salute his commitment to the highest precepts of television journalism, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.